

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – JANUARY 2023

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)”

PERSECUTED NATIONS:

1. North Korea

Leader: President Kim Jong Un

Government: Single party dictatorship

Main religion: Agnosticism

Population: 25,991,000

Christians: 400,000 (OD estimate)

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in North Korea?

- In North Korea, Christianity is presented as an enemy of the country’s leadership and society.
- The reason for such extreme persecution is that Christianity is seen as a particular threat to the dictatorial ideology and governance of the country's barbaric regime.
- Another contributory factor is the recently introduced ‘anti-reactionary thought law’, which makes it clear that being a Christian and/or possessing a Bible is a serious crime.
- The mandatory ten-year military conscription (starting at 17 for young men) can expose any familial connection to Christianity.
- Insurgency is unthinkable and the regime keeps a watchful eye on all citizens. The border with China is now more closely monitored, making it even more difficult for citizens to escape.
- The Bible is reported to have been banned in North Korea and several incidents have emerged in which Christians were arrested or executed for possessing and/or selling the book.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians have absolutely no freedom. It is almost impossible for believers to gather or meet to worship. Those who dare to meet must do so in utmost secrecy – and at enormous risk. Even owning a Bible is a serious crime and will be severely punished.
- Christians are interrogated for longer periods, usually under torture, and subjected to some of the worst forms of torture to force them to incriminate others during interrogation.
- Believers are either sent to labor camps as political prisoners where the conditions are atrocious, or killed on the spot – and their families will share their fate as well.
- Most North Korean refugees are women and are greatly at risk of forced repatriation, severe interrogation (including torture) and trafficking. The sexual abuse of women at one of the country's notorious labor camps is believed to be endemic.

Prayer points for North Korea:

Pray that God will touch and soften the heart of the President and his regime. Pray they might see the beauty of the gospel and the love Jesus has for them. (*Romans 10:13*)

Pray that God would pour down his grace and mercy on those suffering in unbelievably harsh conditions in the labor camps. Pray that God would convict the hearts of prison guards who have been cruel. Pray that non-Christian prisoners would be struck by the faith of Christian prisoners and hunger to know more.

Pray for the Spirit of God to strengthen and transform the hearts of Christ-followers to have a deep love for their enemies.

Pray especially those enduring painful persecution, are comforted and strengthened by reflecting on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In enduring crucifixion, the Lord shared in our suffering and carries our sorrows (*Isaiah 53:3-4*). Even more than this, He made atonement for our sins so that all who trust in Him will be eternally reconciled to God. Give thanks to our Savior, who still bears the marks of His crucifixion as He makes intercession for us. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

Pray about the dark reality of raising kids in North Korea. Pray for Christian parents and their children. Pray for the seed of the gospel to be planted in the hearts of children and that God would nurture it and help grow in their lives. *(Isaiah 54:13)*

Pray for secret Christian believers attempting to flee. Pray for the governments (South Korea/ China), ministries, and private individuals helping them to leave. Pray that the Lord will help them find favor and support. Pray that believers who have chosen to stay would continue to reflect the light of Christ.

Christians interred in prison camps and total control zones can be seen as facing the most persecution, but it is not easy to obtain up-to-date information from these camps. Pray all the happenings will be revealed “for there is nothing covered or hidden that will not be known” says the word of God. *(Luke 12:2)*

Christian men held in labor camps suffer maltreatment and physical abuse. They are denied party membership and given the lowest positions in universities and workplaces. They face persecution from state authorities and their non-Christian family, friends and neighbors. Pray for their protection. *(Psalm 9:9)*

The sexual abuse of women at the labor camps is believed to be endemic. The authorities even target Christian women and girls for sexual abuse in a deliberate attempt to undermine the biblical approach to sexual purity. Pray for the authorities that the Lord God would change their hearts, bring them out of their wicked ways and transform them into true protectors of these communities.

2. Somalia

Leader: President Hasan Sheikh Mohamud

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 16,842,000

Christians: Few hundreds

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Somalia?

- Society expects all Somalis to be Muslim. Imams in mosques and madrassas state publicly that there is no room for Christianity, Christians or churches.
- Islamic militants have intensified their hunt for people who are Christian. Their goal, as they have stated on many occasions, is to rid Somalia of any Christians.
- The political landscape has deteriorated, and tribal leaders, the government and opposition leaders disagree on crucial issues such as holding elections. Taking advantage of this fragmentation, jihadist groups have increased their numbers of followers and escalated their bid for control of the country's territories.
- No region of Somalia is safe for Christians. However, areas in the south and southwest that are under the control of al-Shabaab are the most dangerous.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians from Muslim backgrounds are regarded as high-value targets and may be killed on the spot if discovered.
- Christian convert is closely monitored by the elders in the community, and even by their own family members. 'Church life' is simply not possible, so the few believers must meet in secret.
- If a woman is suspected of being a Christian, she may be kept under strict house-arrest, raped, abducted, forcibly married to a radical sheikh or killed. If she is already married, her husband is likely to divorce her and take her children away.
- Christian men and boys are at risk of verbal abuse, physical assault, abduction, imprisonment, torture or death. Converts find it impossible to trust even their own family members.

Prayer points for Somalia:

Pray for the government. Pray for the President. Pray for his salvation. Pray he and his family would have the opportunities to hear and respond to the message of the gospel. Pray *Acts 18:8*

Pray that God will bring peace to the country and soften the hearts of those in power to provide for the most vulnerable members of the society. Pray for a change in the political landscape.

Many Muslims in Somalia are seeking God. Ask God to reveal Himself to them. Pray that more laborers will be released into the harvest. Pray that Christian workers if any will be wise and have grace to daily express God's love.

Church services and gatherings are prevented from happening by the Imams in mosques and madrassas. Pray for their hardened hearts to soften and allow the people of God to pray and worship.

Ask God to protect the secret gatherings of believers – may their meetings be places of divine encounter. Pray for wisdom, boldness and discernment for believers to know how to express their faith in society without drawing the attention of the authorities.

Muslim background converts endure the rejection of their families after they find Jesus. Pray these Christians will know the reality of their global family in Christ and will sense Christians around the world praying with them. *(1 Thessalonians 5:25)*

Pray for the Word of God to saturate the Somali land. Pray people will find new joy, strength and hope while reading/hearing it. Ask God to lead, guide and protect all those who would distribute any literature or preach the word. Pray that many will give their lives to Christ.

Pray for the safety of those in the areas under Al Shabab control, asking that suffering will not be increased. Pray God would protect them from violence and that He would also raise their spirits even when daily life seems impossible. *(Romans 5:3)*

Pray for the Christian women in Somalia who face persecution from their family members. They are beaten, threatened, raped, abducted, rejected and left alone. Please pray that, with God's strength, these women will continue to stand strong in their faith, and through them God would bring their entire families to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. *(Psalms 71:1)*

3. Nigeria

Leader: President Muhammadu Buhari

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 216,747,000

Christians: 100,420,000 (46.4%)

Main Religion: Christianity

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Nigeria?

- Nigeria has moved up one place (#6) on the World Watch List this year.
- Nigeria accounts for **89 %** of Christians martyred worldwide, according to latest report on global Christian persecution.
- Christians in Nigeria suffer persecution from an ingrained agenda of enforced Islamization, which is particularly prevalent in the north of the country and has gradually been spreading south.
- Since the northern states declared allegiance to Sharia (Islamic law) in 1999, this enforced Islamization has gained momentum, by violent and non-violent means.
- Attacks by Islamic militant groups have increased consistently since 2015, but the government has failed to prevent the rise in violence, which affects all Nigerians, but particularly Christians.
- Violence and land grabbing are not limited to the north alone. Fulani militants have carried these practices into the southern regions, where communities, villages and other locations have been invaded.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Persecution is most severe and most prevalent in the north, where militant groups such as Boko Haram, ISWAP seem to increasingly work together against Christians, and against Muslims who don't support their agenda.
- In the Sharia states of northern Nigeria, Christian's face discrimination and exclusion as second-class citizens. Christians from a

Muslim background also face rejection from their own families, pressure to give up Christianity, and often physical violence.

- The raids on Christian communities, and other forms of violence, lead to large numbers of Christians (and other Nigerians) dispossessed of their land and their means of livelihood being forced to live in camps for internally displaced people.
- Women and children are particularly vulnerable in these camps. Children suffer health issues, and women and girls are vulnerable to human trafficking.

Prayer points for Nigeria:

Pray for the President. Pray the Holy Spirit will lead him to Christ. Pray that God will soften his heart and his government would soften their stance toward Christians.

Pray that God would establish good and godly leadership for this crime/corruption infested nation: leaders who will serve the people and not oppress them. (*1 Timothy 2:1*)

Ask God to move inside those in power in Nigeria, that they would not sit idly by as attacks and violence increase, but would instead move and pass legislation to protect their people—all people.

Newer alliances of the extremist groups, such as Boko Haram, ISWAP, Fulani herdsmen bandits and gangs are coordinating their attacks on Christians and on anyone who does not adhere to their strict interpretation of Islam. It seems the table is being set for the violence in Nigeria to get even worse.

Just as how Gideon and his troops watched there was confusion in the enemy's camp pray for the same to happen among the extremist groups. Pray for dissent and differences to push them further apart, instead of drawing them in. (*Judges 7: 21-22*)

Abductions for ransom have increased considerably over recent years, including the abduction of church leaders. Pray for divine protection, direction and right decision through the help of Holy spirit for the leaders. (*2 Corinthians 1:4*) Pray they will be built up in the Spirit and

be able to comfort others by the comfort they have received from the Lord.

Pray for the believers to lead a victorious Christian life in the midst of persecution; that they would be empowered to die to self and live in Christ's new life. Ask God to make His presence known to them, comforting them, reminding them that He is their God and still in control.

Pray for Christian believers from Muslim background that suffer rejection and pressure to give up Christianity. Pray for those treated as second-class citizens and suffer discrimination and hostility, that they would feel the reality that God has given them a global family of believers who prays for them. *(1 Peter 5:10)*

In Nigeria, there is pain and loss. So much has been taken away and cut short. So many villages, church buildings, farmlands, houses and lives of people have been destroyed. Pray for restoration and rebirth. Pray God will work miraculously build His people up, restore the years taken away and show them His mighty hand at work. *(Joel 2:25)*

Women and children are particularly vulnerable in the refugee camps. Children suffer health issues, and women and girls are vulnerable to human trafficking. Pray for God's mercy upon the nation and His healing for the suffering and the marginalized in society.

4. Mauritania

Leader: President Mohamed Cheikh el Ghazouani

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 4,902,000

Christians: 11,000 (0.2%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Mauritania?

- Christians continue to face extremely high pressure in almost all spheres of life, this has slightly worsened in the past year, which is why Mauritania has moved up three places on the WWL (# 20)
- Those who become Christians from a Muslim background face very severe pressure from their communities. They are perceived as bringing shame on the family and are likely to be shunned.
- In Mauritania's tribal culture, being ostracized by one's family or tribe makes every aspect of life difficult – such as having a livelihood or marrying – particularly in rural areas.
- Violent Islamic extremist groups, including a branch of al-Qaeda, are active in the eastern border regions of the country, posing a danger to any Christians discovered there.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- It is very difficult for Christians to meet or worship together, and almost impossible for believers who have converted from Islam.
- Even foreign nationals (such as aid workers or migrants) holding Christian meetings could be seen as evangelizing to local Muslims – for which they can be prosecuted.
- Christians can be accused of apostasy in a religious court, with severe consequences, or charged by the authorities with terrorism or cyber-crime offences.
- Christians have been detained and prosecuted for 'undermining national security by insulting Islam and threatening Mauritania's sacred principles'.
- Married women can be quickly divorced if they profess a different faith, and end up with no way to support themselves.

Prayer points for Mauritania:

Pray for President Mohamed Cheikh el Ghazouani. Pray for a huge change of heart in the government that brings religious freedom to this country. (*1Timothy 2:2*)

Pray for the repeal of the apostasy laws, which carry the death penalty for anyone who leaves Islam. Ask that those suffering persecution from the authorities will remain steadfast. *(1 Peter 2: 20-21)*

Pray that Christians from Muslim backgrounds will be equipped, encouraged and empowered to stand strong and flourish in their faith. *(Romans 8:18)* Pray they will be the salt and light that draw their own to Jesus.

Ask the Lord to provide for Christians, especially converts, and refugees. Pray that He will guide His people to respond with Divine wisdom to be a powerful testimony of unfailing love for the Muslim majority and boldness inspired by His Spirit.

Christians living near the eastern border are potentially in danger from the violent Islamic extremist groups present there. Pray for protection of believers as they live out their witness to Christ and face the gravest danger.

Even foreign nationals (such as aid workers or migrants) holding Christian meetings could be seen as evangelizing to local Muslims and are prosecuted. Pray that God will change the hearts of authorities and would soften their stance towards them.

In Mauritania's tribal culture, being ostracized by one's family or tribe makes every aspect of life difficult – such as having a livelihood or marriage. Pray when these believers experience fierce pressure to return to Islam that they would not cower. Pray for protection and endurance.

Ask God to meet and provide the basic needs such as housing, enough food and access to free medical care of the secret believers who have lost everything for following Jesus. *(Philippians 4:19)*

5. Turkmenistan

Leader: President Serdar Berdimuhamedow

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Population: 6,202,000

Christians: 66,700 (1.1%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Turkmenistan?

- In Turkmenistan, persecution against Christians comes from most parts of society. The government heavily restricts religious freedom. Local imams preach against them, adding pressure.
- In addition to official pressure, Christians who have converted from Islam also face pressure from their families and communities, including harassment and interrogation, beatings, disinheritance and house arrest.
- Women and girls remain vulnerable to sexual harassment and rape, although they rarely report such instances due to the stigma and shame attached and the impunity regularly granted to perpetrators.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians converts from Islam are the most vulnerable to persecution, and many hide their faith to avoid being targeted by their families and communities.
- Church leaders are particularly vulnerable as targets for persecution – whether through unwarranted fines, physical attacks or arrest and imprisonment on false charges.
- Fines can be issued for holding illegal gatherings, possessing religious literature and even for downloading Christian songs. Printing and importing Christian materials are restricted, so there is a dwindling lack of resources to support local Christians.
- All religious groups are legally required to register with the authorities, but only those that have at least 50 members over the age of 18 are allowed to do so.

Prayer points for Turkmenistan:

Pray for President Serdar Berdimuhamedow. Pray for the salvation of the leadership of Turkmenistan. Praise God for the peace and stability in the land.

Pray the government may give greater freedom and acceptance to Christians. Pray the nation will experience the “Kingdom of God” movement and all the works of the kingdom of darkness would be defeated. (*Psalm 145:13*)

Pray for courage for church leaders under pressure from the authorities. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith and lead as a brave example to their congregations.

Church Registration is a difficult, near-impossible process, and when it does occur, it only subjects the church to greater surveillance. Pray for a softening of the attitude of the authorities, for courage for Christians in the country to stand firm and for Christians outside to pray and speak up against these hostile actions.

Almost every foreign Christian has been expelled. Several national pastors have been exiled, beaten, heavily fined or imprisoned. Pray for the winds of the Holy Spirit to awaken the people, and for bold kingdom workers to come back and share the Gospel again.

Beseech the Lord to defend His children who are daily persecuted by their family and community to recant their faith. Ask God to bless these converts, preserve their safety, and bring other believers into their paths that will help them grow in faith. (*Hebrews 10:36*)

Ask for more local believers to be raised up and the nation to be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the water covers the sea. (*Habakkuk 2:14*)

Pray that Bibles and Christian literature will find their way safely to Christians, without interception from the authorities.

Praise God for the huge increase in people responding to the daily programs on medium and shortwave radio. Pray for the listeners, who

are facing serious security threats, human rights abuses and harsh restrictions from those in authority. (*2 Corinthians 4: 8 - 12*)

6. Morocco

Leader: King Mohammed VI

Government: Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 37,773,000

Christians: 31,300 (0.1%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Morocco?

- Violence against Christians in Morocco increased in the past year, mainly because a higher number of church buildings, including house churches, were attacked. Pressure remains extremely high in many spheres of life.
- In North Africa, it's a criminal offence to 'shake the faith of a Muslim'. If Christians talk to others about their faith, they risk arrest and prosecution.
- But it's not only the laws against proselytization that put Christians at risk, but Islamic extremist's operative in the region, Christians face the threat of violent attacks on the grounds of their faith.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Moroccan converts from Islam to Christianity face intensive pressures both privately and publicly to renounce their faith.
- Converts are punished with the loss of inheritance rights and custody of their children. In some circumstances, Christians are arrested and

fined for nothing more than having a Bible in their possession, or for discussing Christian faith with a Muslim.

- In the public sphere, Christians become the targets for government interrogation, beatings or imprisonment. In work, they may be harassed by colleagues, or even made unemployed because of their faith.
- Christians also risk cyber harassment for their faith and self-expression. The pressure from families and society can force Christians into isolation or relocation. The pressures on believers make it difficult to establish and sustain any form of Christian fellowship.

Prayer points for Morocco:

Pray for King Mohammed VI. Pray for his salvation. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all his people, to discern between good and evil like King Solomon. (*1 Kings 3:9*)

Ask God to bless the government and judiciary with skill, knowledge and integrity. May God grant all their political leaders to be good role models, walk their talk and hold only a vision for goodness and prosperity.

There can be no country, closed to the move of God. Gospel workers may be hindered in going and ministering, but God is outside all political considerations. Ask Him to reach into the hearts of the people of Moroccans and reveal Himself to them in a powerful way that shakes their country and puts them on a path to following Him.

Pray for the nation as a whole to experience a revival and may they rise to be Christ warriors who protect their rights and faith. Protect the believers and local partners as they worship Him in secret. Bring them out into the light of a freer country.

Pray that the 0.1% Christians will have an impact for good within their families and communities. Pray that immediate and extended families will come to faith and find restoration in Christ.

Restrictions on building churches and laws against sharing the gospel tend to cause fear and uneasiness among mission workers and locals.

Pray for Converts and missionaries to let go of fear and trust God as they step out to be obedient witnesses to those around them.

In work, Christian converts may be harassed by colleagues, or even made unemployed because of their faith. The pressure from families and society can force them into isolation or relocation. Pray for provision for those converts whose faith is known. (*James1:2*)

The pressures on believers make it difficult to establish and sustain any form of Christian fellowship. Pray for believers to step up and lovingly disciple those who come to faith, despite the risks involved. Pray the new believers will begin to trust one another so that they can have fellowship and be built up in their faith. (*James1:3*)

Christian women usually do not reveal their faith due to the seriousness of the repercussions. If they are married to a Muslim, they can be divorced, beaten, expelled, or denied custody of their children. Pray for safety and support from family and friends.

7. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Leader: President Félix Tshisekedi

Government: Semi-Presidential Republic

Population: 95,241,000

Christians: 90,570,000 (95.1%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in DRC?

- The eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a dangerous place for Christians right now.
- Even though most of the country is Christian, believers are increasingly vulnerable to persecution.

- Rebel groups are fighting for control of the area, including an Islamic extremist group, known as the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), which openly and brutally targets Christian homes and churches.
- There is little chance of justice through the legal system in DRC for the victims of kidnapping, rape or those facing terrible violence.
- Organized crime and corruption also make church and community life extremely difficult.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Violence remains rampant, and pressure against Christians has slightly increased in the past year, particularly in church life.
- Christians in Ituri province and North Kivu in the east of DRC face persecution from the ADF – a rebel group with an Islamic extremist agenda.
- People who have become Christians from Muslim or indigenous backgrounds face pressure to still participate in traditional religious activities.
- The ADF kidnaps women, rapes them and forces them to marry their soldiers, with Christian women sometimes being kept as a kind of 'trophy'.
- Throughout DRC, Christian leaders who speak out against corruption experience harassment and interference from the government.

Prayer points for DRC:

Pray for President Félix Tshisekedi. Pray that he will place his hope in God who is true and living and commit his ways to the Lord, so his thoughts and government would be established. (*Proverbs 8:16; 16:3*)

Persecution is still a reality in DRC with many losing their homes and livelihoods, being killed for their faith. Pray for God to strengthen them when faced with persecution and for unity among the Body of Christ there.

Ask the Lord to thwart the ADF's plans to terrorize and Islamize Christians in the north-east of DRC. The attack was carried out by the Allied Democratic Forces, a jihadi group. Pray that Christians will be given grace to forgive their persecutors and church leaders equipped to lead and minister to God's persecuted people.

Pray for great wisdom and courage for the church leaders there as they minister to the traumatized and displaced and advise their people how to face this persecution.

Pray for the children of God, for if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed they suffer with Him, that they may also be glorified together. (*Romans 8:17*)

17 Christians were killed and 39 wounded in a church bombing in Kasindi, North Kivu province on Sunday, January 15. Ask the Lord to comfort the bereaved. Pray that He will bring an end to violence in DRC, especially in North Kivu, which has been under a state of emergency since May 2021.

Pray for an end to poverty and hunger, and improved access to health services, especially for the young, that they might have hope for their future. Thank the Lord for the tireless efforts of churches and community organizations, working with the support of humanitarian organizations, to improve the living conditions of the people.

The ADF kidnaps women, rapes them and forces them to marry their soldiers, with Christian women sometimes being kept as a kind of 'trophy'. Pray that these women would be freed from exploitation and find healing, hope and comfort in Christ.

8. Comoros

Leader: President Azali Assoumani

Government: Federal Presidential Republic

Population: 907,000

Christians: 4,600 (0.5%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Comoros?

- Comoros has dropped back into the World Watch List top 50 because of an increase in pressure by the government and local communities, as well as a rise in reported incidents of violence.
- The government has said publicly that there is only freedom of religion for foreigners living in the country, not Comorians.
- Islamic fundamentalism is on the rise, and many are also involved with occult practices such as witchcraft and spirit possessions.
- It is illegal for followers of any religion except Islam to evangelize, so any Christian who shares their faith could face legal consequences. This will likely involve a fine and up to a year in prison.
- In some parts of the country, extremist groups threaten believers with violence.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- In Comoros, choosing to leave Islam to follow Jesus is so risky that those who do so have little option but to keep their faith secret. In fact, it can even lead to prosecution.
- Christian men can also experience discrimination in the workplace.
- In many families, women will inherit the family's wealth. Those who convert to Christianity prior to receiving any wealth are at great risk of disinheritance, which can lead to poverty.
- Single women can also face the prospect of forced marriage to a Muslim. Those who refuse to marry can be ostracized by their community.

Prayer points for Comoros:

Pray for President Azali Assoumani. Pray for him and the salvation of his family. Pray for the Gospel to infiltrate every island, regardless of restrictions and mounting persecution.

Pray for freedom from fear brought on by the false teachings of the occult and Islam. Pray for courage and strength for the small group of believers worshipping despite great risk.

Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to the Comoros Islands and share the Gospel with the Comorians. Ask the Lord to grant

wisdom and favor to mission agencies focusing on the Comorians. Pray for this vision to be established and accomplished by the power of God.

Pray for Christian groups to wisely and appropriately spread the good news. Pray for a greater sense of unity and for more partnerships that would be effective among the ministry groups. (*Psalms 133:1*)

Anyone who turns from traditional religious beliefs can face rejection, be ostracized from family and community. Pray that those facing pressure and persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. (*1 Peter 1:7*)

Pray for Christian parents from Muslim backgrounds whose children are taught the Quran in government schooling. Pray for house churches who are spied on and are not free to distribute Bibles.

Many young people – disillusioned with life in this society that offers so little hope – attempt to find solace in drugs, sex or the opportunity to leave the islands. Pray that they might have opportunities to hear the gospel of life that offers hope to them.

Pray that those who have left the country will come in contact with the Gospel, respond to Christ, and then bring the salvation message back home to their friends and families.

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1. Berber Shawiya in Algeria (shah-WEE-uh BUR-bur)

Population: 2,356,000

Main Language: Tachawit

Largest Religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Shawiya are Berber shepherds living mainly on the Aures Plateau of the Atlas Mountains in northern Algeria and Tunisia.

The Shawiya Berbers of northeastern Algeria retreated into the Atlas Mountains in order to resist the advances of the Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, and last of all, the Arabs.

To this very day the Shawiya have resisted all attempts of the Algerian government to absorb them into the Arab identity. In the Atlas Mountains, they have been able to sustain and preserve their own language, culture, customs, and social organizations.

Most of them are shepherds and farmers. They are sturdy, thrifty, hospitable, and lovers of the soil.

Although the Shawiya are nominally Sunni Muslims, they have little knowledge of the Quran and its practices.

After Algeria's independence, Christian missionaries were expelled from the country in several waves. The remaining missionary efforts have since deteriorated. Proselytizing is not allowed, and opposition to the Gospel is intense. As a result, the option of the Gospel has never been fairly presented.

Prayer points:

Ask God to call for Christian workers and intercessors to commit themselves to be praying persistently for the Shawiyas. Pray God will continue to remind the believers to remember them in their prayer's night and day. (*Romans 1:9*)

Pray that God will open a way for this people group to be released from the holds of Islam. Pray they will understand the one true God Jesus Christ and His work on the cross.

Pray that the Shawiyas would come to understand that they can never get right with God or access to heaven by keeping any kind of holy rules. Pray that they will hunger and thirst for a righteous Savior, and find Jesus Christ.

Pray for Christian missionaries who have been expelled to be allowed back into the country. Pray they be impassioned and equipped to share

their faith and to answer the claims and questions of Muslim brothers and sisters.

Pray that the missionary work that is forbidden would again gain access where the people can have a fair hearing of a presentation of the gospel. Pray that the Lord would push back the darkness, and release a huge harvest of Shawiya souls.

Pray that the Prince of Peace will come to them in glory and they will be prepared in their hearts to recognize and welcome Him. Pray for God to reveal himself to Shawiya Berbers and raise up many of them to begin Christ-centered fellowships.

Only Bible portions are available for the Shawiyas. Pray they have a complete Bible in their language. Pray they will understand and apply the Scriptures available to them, enabling them to be effective in their communities, affecting their culture for Christ.

2. Mazanderani in Iran (mah-zahn-dah-RAH-nee)

Population: 2,550,000

Main language: Mazanderani

Largest religion: Islam 98.33% Christians: 1.67 %

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Mazanderani have only been reported in Iran.

They live in northern Iran's Mazandaran province, bordering the Caspian Sea and are an ethnic mix of Turkic tribes, Armenians, and Russian immigrants.

The language of the majority, also called Mazanderani (or Palari), remains unwritten. This language is closely tied to Farsi, the official language of Iran.

The Mazanderanis are settled farmers who grow crops such as rice, wheat, barley, tea, fruits, and cotton. They also raise some cattle. In

addition to farming, they are famous for raising Arabian horses.

The Mazanderanis are virtually 100 % Shi'ite Muslims. Many of them are uneducated. The fact that their language is not yet in written form presents a roadblock to their cultural and spiritual progress.

There are no Scriptures, gospel tracts or other Christian literature available in their local language. No Christian broadcasts exist and there are no known missionaries after all, it's a capital offense to convert from Islam to another religion.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will lay the Mazanderani people in the hearts of many prayer warriors. The Muslims consider Jesus to be a prophet, a teacher, and a good man, but not God's son. (*Mark 1:1*) Pray they will understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

Pray that our Heavenly Father will take our prayers for them, and break down their hold on Islam, open their hearts to the good news of the Gospel. Pray for the people to be blessed with peace, joy and spiritual prosperity as they follow Jesus Christ.

Pray that God would move among them and change their hearts toward openness to religious freedom. Pray that the suspicion aimed towards Christians by national and local authorities will ease, and be replaced with an appreciation of their value to society.

Pray they will understand what it means to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. Pray they will trust the missionaries who are willing to take the gospel to them. Only the Gospel of Jesus can bring them peace and break the bondage of sin and set them free.

Pray they will hear about the Risen Lord through radio broadcasts, gospel recordings, and from mission workers who come to share Christ's abundance with them. Boldly pray for angelic visions and dreams for their leaders that they might influence the rest of the people.

Pray for small churches and small groups to be birthed and through the work of the Holy Spirit to maximize fruitfulness among this people group.

Pray for the availability of a complete Bible in their language. Ask God to open their hearts to heed to the things said about God in the Bible. Pray for more receptive hearts. (*Acts 16:14*)

Pray that missionaries and language experts will soon develop a script for the Mazanderani people so that this group can read about the true and living God in their native tongue.

3. Fur in Sudan (foor)

Population: 1,263,000

Main language: Fur

Largest religion: Islam 99.70% Christians: 0.30%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

Over 1.2 million Fur people inhabit villages in the Darfur Province of Sudan. A few thousand live over the border in Chad.

The name Darfur brings up the images and stories of violence, ethnic cleansing, and genocide.

In 2003 the Sudanese government, which consisted primarily of Arab peoples, began a systematic killing and eradication of the mostly black African Fur peoples in the western area of Sudan called Darfur.

The Fur are an agricultural people who also raise cattle. They grow cotton, grains, vegetables, peanuts, and tobacco.

They are predominantly Sunni Muslims with only a few known believers. Their religious practices are largely animistic.

They have no Bible in the Fur language, no gospel recordings, or Christian missionaries. They are not hospitable to strangers.

Prayer points:

Beseech the Lord to raise prayer teams who will begin to pray for the Fur people group and see them embrace the right and new way of living and bear fruits worthy of repentance. *(Matthew 3:8)*

Pray that the gospel would penetrate and break their shamanistic and folk Islamic practices. *(Leviticus 18:30)*

Pray for the few Christian believers to not mix their faith, but become firmly established in the faith, and not wavering in their commitment to follow Christ.

Ask God the Father to draw the hearers towards Jesus, for no one can come to His Son unless He draws them. *(John 6: 44)* Pray the Lord will soon build his church among this ancient community. Pray they will keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Pray for more mature church leaders to rise up from among their own people. Pray for them to be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. *(Philippians 2:2)*

Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct a lasting and just peace to Darfur. Pray God will send medical, educational, and agricultural workers to help them recover from the years of conflict and destruction. Pray that the Fur refugees in other nations will receive the gospel and return to their home in Sudan as witnessing believers.

Pray for a complete Bible translation to happen soon. Pray the word of God will permeate their entire people group. Pray they will be like the “Bereans of the Bible” in that they received the word with all readiness. *(Acts 17:11)*

4. Bale Oromo in Ethiopia

Population: 2,239,000

Main language: Oromo, Borano-Arsi-Guji

Largest religion: Islam 98.50% Christianity 1.50%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Bale Oromo have only been reported in Ethiopia. They are a subgroup of the large number of Oromo people who live in the Horn of Africa.

They are famers and pastoralists who grow crops like cotton, maize, wheat, peanuts, coffee, and various fruits and vegetables.

The majority of the Bale Oromo are Sunni Muslims. Their Islam is mixed with folk religion.

The Bale Oromo have vast needs. Most Bale Oromo are unable to read and write. They need peace in the land where they live. They need access to schools to educate their children. They need the benefits of modern medicine and electricity. Most of all the Bale Oromo need to hear and understand the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over this indigenous people group ask God to raise more and consistent prayer teams. Pray for the Bale Oromo people to see the signs of the times and give their lives to the Holy One, Jesus Christ.

Ask God in the name of Jesus, for a ransom of this people group from the power of the grave, to redeem them from death and any darkness that wants to destroy them before knowing Jesus, His love and eternal life. *(Hosea 13:14)*

Pray for workers who are filled with the fruits and the power of the Holy Spirit to go out as Christ's ambassadors to reach every person. Pray that they will soon belong among the most reached people group.

Pray that a new Discipleship Making Movement will begin among them that will transform their communities and families, bringing God's blessings. Pray they be strengthened by the feeling that "Greater is He that is in them than he who is in the world." *(1 John 4:4)*

Pray these folk Islam practicing people would be open to the gospel and that God would soften their hearts. Pray the revelation about Jesus Christ the Savior be given to them by the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Ephesians 1:17)*

It is hard for them to leave their ethnic beliefs as conversion essentially equates to cultural dissimilation. Pray they would allow the light of the Holy Spirit to shine through them in such a way that others will be drawn to their Savior. *(Matthew 5:16)*

Pray for the village leaders/ family heads that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus that they cannot refute and will share them with their own family members.

Thank God for the availability of the complete Bible in their main language. But most of the Bale Oromo do not know to read or write. Pray for audio Bibles and recordings. Pray the Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and bring to remembrance all things that is been said about Christ the Savior and every truth. *(John 14:26)*

5. Dan, Yakuba in Côte d'Ivoire

Population: 1,663,000

Main language: Dan

Largest religion: Ethnic religion 70.00% Christianity 30.00%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Dan (Gio) are located in Côte d'Ivoire and northeastern Liberia. For many years, the Dan fought with the surrounding peoples and were proud of their fierce, war-like reputation.

The Dan spoke a Mande language that has many different accents. Depending on the distances that separate one group from another, the Dan language may differ in some spoken words and accents.

The Dan are primarily farmers, annually clearing the forest land to grow their crops. They also raise livestock such as cattle, sheep, and goats.

The Dan believes in a supreme god who created the universe and everything in it. They do not believe that man can reach this god; thus, they do not worship him. They also believe in reincarnation, in which the Du, or spirit, of a person can pass into another person or even an animal after death.

The Dan have Scripture portions translated into their language. Still, the majority of the Dan follow their traditional religion. More evangelistic work and much prayer are greatly needed to bring the Dan to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Prayer points:

The Dan people need the body of Christ who will faithfully intercede for them. Pray that God will raise faithful intercessors that will stand in the gap for this people group. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

Pray that the Dan would break free from the spirit world, often mixing Christianity together with animistic religious practices. They need to be set free from the fear that comes from their pagan beliefs.

Pray the Dan will understand that they can find God while they seek Him, and can call upon Him while He is near. (*Isaiah 55 :6*)

Beseech the Lord to disarm the principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness that has heavily influenced this people group and has a grip over them including Christians. (*Colossians 2:15*)

Pray for the believers: for victory over the enemy and his schemes, for energy and strength every day, and for practical needs to be met such as peaceful home lives, and provision of daily necessities.

Pray for Christian believers to be “God’s building”. Pray that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 3:11*)

Pray for believers to be well disciplined in the faith and not engage in non-Christian practices which weaken their testimony. Good teaching and discipleship are needed in the churches, and division among the churches along church group lines should not exist.

Thank God for the availability of the Scripture portions in the Dan language. Pray that more people will have access to Bibles, preaching, teaching and discussing the Word in-depth Bible studies.

6. Shengzha Nosu in China (SHUNG-jah NOR-soo)

Population: 1,328,000

Main language: Nuoso

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 98.00% Christians 2.00%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Shengzha Nosu have only been reported in China.

Unspeakable violence forms the history of the Shengzha Nosu. Raiding other villages for slaves to do their work was their way of life for centuries. But in the 1940s Chinese soldiers cracked down in a horrific way and finally prevailed over them.

Today there are seven Nosu subgroups, and the Shengzhas live among them.

The name Nosu means "black people." Early literature on the Nosu called them Lolo, in reference to the small basket they carried around with them which supposedly contained the souls of their dead ancestors.

They are a polytheistic people, worshipping a supreme creator spirit named Mo'm Apu and his son, Gee Nyo, who must be appeased in order for them to receive physical blessings.

After 100 years of grueling missionary work and much prayer there was a breakthrough in 1996 when 18 Nosu cult leaders heard and believed the gospel. After renouncing the cult, the gospel spread, and within a year more than 12,000 Shengzha Nosu had been led to faith in Christ.

However, most of the more than 1.2 million members of this people group remain resistant to the gospel.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Shengzha Nosu people so they would accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Ask the Lord for another breakthrough, to send forth laborers into this harvest field, to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God.

One of the biggest challenges for missionaries to the unreached people is how to adapt to the culture of those they want to win. Apostle Paul explains how he made himself a slave, put himself under the Jewish law, released himself from the Jewish law, became weak, became all things to all men to save some for Christ. Pray for the same mind set for the kingdom workers. *(1 Corinthians 9:22)*

The Good News is veiled to those who are perishing, in whom the god of this world has blinded their minds. Pray God will cause the unbelieving to see the light of the good news of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. *(2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

Pray that the beautiful feet of evangelists from nearby people groups will hike the trails to bring the glad tidings of peace and great joy to these polytheistic people group. *(Isaiah 52:7)*

Pray the people will incline their ear to wisdom and apply their heart to understanding. Pray they will not turn away from the grace of Christ. Pray they will have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Pray they may be filled with the fullness of God. *(Colossians 2:2)*

Pray God will remove all strongholds ruled by fear, legends and superstitions, restraints of animistic beliefs. Pray our Merciful God

would provide fresh perspective for their lives in Him. Refresh their sight from all occult practices and spirit worship.

Pray the very few Jesus' followers will multiply as the gospel is sown more through them like a good seed into the lives of the simple people group, and there will be a great harvest of souls. (*Matthew 13:8, 23*)

Pray for the spiritual blindness and bondage to the evil one to be removed so they can understand and respond to Christ and His calling. Pray for Christ-bearers to show that Jesus is God's mediator between God and man, and that He is essential for their salvation.

Pray today for those who are struggling to make God's Word clear and understandable in people groups where the knowledge of Christ has not broken through. Pray that soon the people will have His Word in its entirety available to them through translation and gospel recordings.

7. Mirasi in Pakistan (mee-RAH-see)

Population: 2,067,000

Main language: Punjabi, Western

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Mirasi have been a landless community working as musicians.

The Mirasi are nomadic, and some are beggars. There is child marriage in some areas, girls being married at age 8-10 years and boys around 14 years.

Some are involved with prostitution and others are musicians. Some of their songs are up to a thousand verses and chronicle a family's genealogy.

Their literacy rate is low. Most Mirasis are bilingual, understanding and speaking both Punjabi and Urdu.

The Muslim Mirasi belong to the Sunni sect of Islam. There is also a Hindu Mirasi people group, but the two groups do not intermarry. They honor and appease shrines of Muslim saints (pirs). Azan, the Muslim call to prayer, is whispered in the ear of a baby one day after birth.

With their nomadic lifestyle, the literacy rate for the Mirasi is quite low which creates an obstacle for sharing the written word of God with them. There are no known followers of Christ among the Mirasi people.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise an army in the body of Christ to pray for the Mirasi in Pakistan, that in God's sovereign timing all their hearts would be opened and ready to follow Him.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the Mirasi people and turn them from their indifference towards Christ for it is written "that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him." (*Acts 10:34-35*)

Pray the entire community will be zealous to know Christ and follow his ways and surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus. (*Romans 10:15*) Pray for God to raise up the right people with patience and sensitivity to minister to the spiritual needs of this people.

Pray for a holy dissatisfaction with Islam and appeasing the shrines of Muslim saints (pirs). Pray many are led to seek and find their Savior. Pray they will be saved, and their minds would comprehend the meaning of real salvation??

Pray the Lord, bring the blind by a way that they don't know. Lead the Mirasis in paths that they don't know. To make darkness light before them and crooked places straight and to not forsake them. *Isaiah 42:16*

Pray they can get an answer for their search for a new and better life. Ask God to reveal to them the right way, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (*Acts 2: 38*)

Pray God will rise up a team of worshippers from among the Mirasi's to sing praises to the Living God. May songs of praise spark a movement

to Christ among this people group. Pray they be surrounded with songs of deliverance. (*Psalms 32:7*)

Thank the Lord for the Bible portions and the New Testament. Pray for a complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Gospel truth, develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith.

8. Newah in Nepal

Population: 1,514,000

Main language: Newahi

Largest religion: Hinduism 99.00% Christians: 0.91%

Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Newah, one of the most cultured ethnic groups in Nepal, were the country's earliest inhabitants. They are primarily concentrated in the Katmandu Valley and in surrounding countries.

They speak Newahi, a Tibeto-Burman language that has borrowed many words from Sanskrit, Maithili, and Nepali. There are several dialects of Newahi, and it is written in the Devanagari script.

Most of the Newah are skillful merchants and traders. Newah societies are patrilineal, which means that the line of descent is traced through the males.

Hinduism, Buddhism, and traditional ethnic beliefs are all a part of the Newah's religious lives.

Newahs worship a multitude of gods. They also believe in the existence of demons, hostile spirits the dead, ghosts, and witches. Traditional practices include the digu dya rituals, in which frogs are fed after rice planting.

The Bible has been translated into the Newahi language, and several other Christian resources are available to the Newah at this time. Prayer is the key to reaching these precious people with the Gospel.

Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Newah people group living in Nepal. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among them.

The Newah's are one of the most cultured ethnic groups in Nepal and are proud of their position in society. Pride can often prevent people from coming to Christ. Prayer and intercession are the keys to breaking bondages in their lives so they will be open to the message of the Gospel. (*James 4:6*)

Pray for these original inhabitants of Kathmandu to know that they are truly unique, made for a specific purpose: to worship the true and living God. Pray for the Lord to set them free from false religions and philosophies, and prepare them not for death, but for eternal life in Jesus Christ.

It takes time, perseverance and commitment to reach the entire society with the Gospel because of the culture and the religious influences/practices on the group. Ask God for this precious people to see His glory, for they need to be a part of His Kingdom. (*Acts 26:18*)

Pray for whole households to be reached for Jesus, much like what happened in the book of Acts when Peter won Cornelius and his family to Christ and Paul and Silas won the Philippian jailer and his household to the Lord.

Pray the people will be liberated from religious traditions that hinder them from receiving the Savior who died for them. Pray they will believe in Jesus the Son of God and the Savior of the world who can forgive their sins and grant them eternal life. (*John 5:24*)

Ask God to deliver them from the fear of evil spirits and their obligation to appease them for a better living. Ask God to give them an understanding heart about His son Jesus, His might and His power over the demons? (*Luke 11:20*)

Pray their lives would be shaped through the wisdom of scripture and by faith in a Holy God. Pray they read the word of God on a regular basis as it is available in their language. Pray for everyone who had gladly received the word to believe and be baptized.

Prayers for Revival in the Nation: United States of America

“I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.” (Ezekiel 39:21)

Pray for the Church:

Repentance: Receive the Forgiveness of God and repentance from sins. Return to the God of the Bible. All divisions removed. Unity and oneness to come back to the nation.

Christian (Biblical) values to be preserved. Church would value and stand for God’s truth over political correctness or cultural ideologies.

An awakening is needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.” Pray for God’s supernatural anointing on Pastors and spiritual leaders for boldness to always proclaim His Word in all circumstances and at all times without compromise. *(Acts 4:29, 2 Timothy 4:2-4)*

God has promised to make His ministers a flame of fire. *(Psalm 104:4)* Anoint them with power of the Holy Spirit. To keep them from the traditions of men and religion which deny the full presence and power of God. To grant Pastors and leaders a fresh revelation of heaven and hell that they may preach with increased unction.

Pray that pastors would lead their congregation as a good shepherd. Pray that he would love and care for the flock God has entrusted him with.

Pray they have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he/she fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. *(1 Timothy 3:7)*

To remove all distortions created by man-made traditions from off God’s Word.

Proclaim the good news of the gospel with conviction obeying the Great Commission. Pray for Jesus to be exalted as Lord in every heart and for each believer to be ready to share Christ for who He is and what He has done.

Today we see a cultural shift in America wherein the Bible, once revered, is now dismissed and demeaned. **41% of the population believes the Bible, the Koran and the Book of Mormon all express the same divine truths.** Ask the Lord to pour out on the church body a deep hunger and thirst for His Word.

Pray for America's millennials (ages 24-40) Although a majority identify as Christians, only 2% hold a biblical worldview.

Pray for America's Gen Z (ages 9-24). Among American teenagers, 40% claim no religious affiliation.

Pray that the next generation of believers will recognize the value, authority, validity, and the relevance of the Word of God for their lives today.

To place in them a true hunger for God's Word so they desire to know Scripture, study it responsibly, teach it reverently, share it boldly, and live it faithfully as if it's the food that sustains them and the very air they breathe. Help them to recognize the difference between human philosophy and Godly wisdom by being diligent to study the Word, "rightly dividing the word of truth." (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

Pray the Lord will open the understanding of everyone who hears and reads, so they might comprehend the Scripture. (*Luke 24:45*)

Pray for the body of Christ to abide in God's word, for then they will be true disciples of Him, and they will truly know the truth and the truth shall set everyone free. (*John 8:31-32*)

Spiritual clarity: Among Americans who claim to embrace a Biblical worldview, many also believe reincarnation is possible and that Jesus is not the only way to salvation. Pray for spiritual clarity.

Pray and bind every territorial power working against the growth of the church to be scattered in the name of Jesus Christ. Pray for every force of disobedience creating stagnancy in the church of God be destroyed.

Pray for the Churches to have peace and be edified, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Pray it be strengthened in its faith and increase in numbers daily. (*Acts 9:31*)

Unity in the Body of Christ: Pray for the Body of Christ and its leaders. Ask the Lord to grant a spirit of unity in the local church – that all may be one, just as God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are one. Pray that the members would be one in God, so the world may believe that Jesus was truly sent by God. (*John 17:21*)

Ask God to give everyone ears to hear what the “Spirit of the Lord” is saying to the church. (*Revelation 3:22*)

Churches to be blessed by the 5-fold ministry gifts: Apostles, Prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (*Ephesians 4:11-13*)

Pray for ministries to be fruitful and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance. (*1Peter 4: 12-16*) Pray and ask the Lord to work again like in the days of the Apostles, in mighty signs, wonders and miracles that will baffle human knowledge and understanding and that will dumbfound the scientific world.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (*2 Timothy 2:2*). Pray for older Christian believers the need to share God’s truths with others/younger people.

Prayer focus: All churches will become “houses of prayer” making prayer a high priority and the altars of these houses of prayer will be filled with the glory of the Lord! (*Isaiah 56:7*)

Pray for more people to stand in the gap for others. Let there be a prayer ministry in every church that is powerful and effective. (*Psalms 32:6, Ezekiel 22:30*) Ask God to raise up intercessors who will stand in the gap for their Church – and co-labor with Him to see His heart's desire of a spotless Bride come to pass. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

Worship: Pray for true worshippers to worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (*John 4:23*) Pray all worship leaders will understand the splendor of God's Holiness and lead worship with that same understanding.

Beseech the Lord to pour out His Spirit of grace and supplication upon the church that will result in a nationwide response to prayer by the church. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

Anointing of the Holy Spirit: Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh in the last days, sons, and daughters to prophesy for visions and dreams for the young and old men. Pray God will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath. (*Acts 2:17-19, Acts 2:4, Luke 24:49*)

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (*John 14:26*) Invite His Holy Spirit to come and live within us, guiding and reminding us the incredible truth about God.

For the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit: Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Gifts of healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning between spirits, Different kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues. (*1 Corinthians 12: 7-11*)

Ask the Lord for the church to eagerly desire spiritual gifts and to use their gifts to minister to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. To help exercise the gifts in love. To remind the church body to keep fanning into flames the gifts He has entrusted to each one. (*1 Corinthians 14:1, 1 Peter 4:10-11*)

Sanctification of the Church: Be cleansed by the washing of water by the Word to be presented in all glory having no spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish. (*Ephesians 5:26-27*)

Pray for the church to exercise itself towards godliness, for godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that is now and of that which is to come. Also, godliness with contentment is great gain. (*1 Timothy 4: 7-8, 6:6*)

Pray and ask the Lord to purge His church from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Purge the Church from all evil, abstain from all sexual immorality for this the will of God. (*2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:3*)

Pray Church leaders to abide by Christian doctrine on marriage, sexuality and identity even if it means the threat of legal sanctions, financial penalties and social stigma.

Pray believers will never lose sight that their struggle is not with other people but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces that influence them/us. Ask the Lord, to help them/us to daily put on the armor of God, stand firm, and commit to pray for themselves/our, their/our community and country. (*Ephesians 6:10*)

Ask God to give us wisdom and discernment to recognize the schemes of the enemy and to stand strong against his work. Pray God would help us to stay alert in a dark world.

Pray that the Body of Christ would prevail in setting the tone for morals and virtue, always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body that have pervasive effects upon the culture and governmental leaders. (*2 Corinthians 4:10*)

Spiritual Awakening: Pray Christians will be more passionate for God than ever. For the next Great Spiritual Awakening, that would be so powerful, it would shape future generations, an awakening of historic proportion.

Day of the Lord: Pray for believers to be “as sons of light and sons of the day, to not sleep, as others do, but watch and be sober. Pray that this Day should not overtake us as a thief. To always live with the realization in the forefront of their/our minds that their (our) citizenship is in heaven. *(1 Thessalonians 5: 4-6, Philippians 3:20)*

Pray for the Government/Leaders/ Government affairs:

Pray the President and the Vice President to lead the nation with Bible principles. To be surrounded by wise and Godly counselors. Deliver them from ungodly counselors. *(1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

Pray for Government leaders to not be deceived by political philosophies that could easily undermine biblical truth, the role of the Church and family, and the values and priorities set in place as Christian heritage.

Pray for the salvation of all of the nation’s leaders that they may know Jesus. To place people in power who revere Him and will serve Him for the good of their communities.

Pray that God would put the great Restrainer of evil, the Holy Spirit, into the White House and absolutely bind and prevent any evil from occurring there or being legislated from the American government at any level. The Bible says, "Many are the plans of a man BUT it is the counsel of God that prevails." *(Proverbs 19:21)*

Pray the Legislative Branch (**Congress**) would enact laws that follow God’s commands. “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth”. *(Deuteronomy 28:1)*

Lift up the newly elected members of the 118th United States Congress. All newer members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find God’s peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to His Word.

Pray against the divisiveness that plagues the land. Humbly plead that, by His miraculous power, the members of Congress would put

their agendas aside to work together in humility to serve for the good of the nation. Pray for Congress to exert efforts toward more bipartisan cooperation to solve the issues facing the nation.

Pray government leaders would understand they are held accountable by God. Whether in conflict or unity pray God would implement His plan and accomplish His will in the hearts of those whom He has given authority. *(Micah 5:15)*

Pray the Judicial Branch (Supreme Court) would establish and maintain just laws. This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right..." *(Isaiah 56:1)*

Pray for the Court, the justices, the clerks. Pray for super natural protection of the Justices, their families and their staff.

Pray for U.S. federal judges who are dealing with controversial political matters to consider facts and law rather than public sentiment. Pray for the judges to take heed what they are doing for they do not judge for man but for the Lord. *(2 Chronicles 19:6)*

Pray for laws and judicial decisions that have misconstrued the First Amendment. Pray that many of these decisions would be challenged and overturned, so that true freedom of religion is secure in the United States once again.

Pray for men and women in the military, that the Lord would draw many of them to Himself and that He would give service members in every level of leadership wisdom as they defend our nation.

There is a new "woke" political bias in America's military institutions. Social justice and critical race theory-focused trainings are pervading the military and are antithetical to biblical, conservative, and traditional values that have long been part of the nation's military code.

Violence against police officers surge as Gun violence hits all-time high. The FBI and law enforcement agencies are working to stop surging violence against police officers as other violent crimes run rampant nationwide.

Pray for the law enforcement agencies in every state that God would protect them from harm and to have the strength and courage they need in every situation they face.

Pray for perseverance, to endure unjust condemnation, danger, and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected.

Pray that God would restore law and order to our streets. Uproot the perpetrators of violence, and release peace in the nation.

Ask God to remove the politicized prosecutors and leaders who are working to defund and undermine police officers at every turn. Ask the Lord, to remove those facilitating violence in communities across the nation.

Intelligence services: Homeland Security, NSA, CIA, FBI, ATF, Secret Service, National Security Council, Law Enforcement etc.

Pray that Godly foundations would be restored in the Government, in Education, in the Families, and every area of culture – along with righteousness, honor, truth and the fear of the Lord.

Pray for all state governors and local officials. Grant them grace to face their unique challenges like inflation, unemployment, financial crisis, law enforcement, racial divisions, border crises and rising crimes. To give them insight into the needs of their communities and discernment to make decisions to lead their states and communities well.

Pray for Family:

Foremost among the institutions here is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Pray the laws and leaders reflect this truth and reflect God's commands about what marriage is. (*Hebrews 13: 4*)

Pray for the families in America to return to the biblical model, reconcile with one another. Ask God to enable families to be a triple-braided cord that cannot easily be broken. (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*)

Pray *John 15:4* Ask God to help the family to abide in Him and His word and bear spiritual fruit that will allow them to flourish each day.

Pray for the husbands to be the leader of their house, to be the image of Christ in the home, to possess Godly courage and will stand guard over his family. Pray they will seek the Lord for wisdom and direction and continue to fear the Lord and honor God's commands. (*Ephesians 5: 25*)

Pray for husband to fear the Lord, love his wife as himself, dwell with his wife with understanding, honoring her and providing for her and the children. (*1 Peter 3:7*)

Psalms 128:3 says "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

Pray for wives to love, respect, and submit to their husbands and to nurture the children in the ways of the Lord. (*Ephesians 5: 22-33*)

Parents are "both a primary influence and a gatekeeper to other influences" on their children, shockingly, only few parents intentionally speak to their children about beliefs and behavior based upon a biblical worldview. Pray for all parents to obey the command of God.

Regarding His commands, God said to Moses, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be frontlets before your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (*Deuteronomy 6:7-9*).

Pray for parents to train their children in righteousness and the fear of the Lord. Pray for all children to be taught by the Lord, and for them to have great peace. (*Proverbs 22:6, Isaiah 54:13*)

Pray for children to obey their parents in the Lord, to honor their father and mother that it may be well with them and that they may live long on the earth. (*Ephesians 6:1-3*)

Pray for all hindrances to be removed for little children to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Matthew 19:13-15)* Pray for love for His word and their hearts stirred up for His work. To complete the good work God has begun in them. *(Philippians 1:6)*

Beseech the Lord for justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. *(Psalms 82: 3-4)*

Thank the Lord for He is the father to the fatherless and husband to the widow. To restore the broken families with His wholeness and let them turn to Him for all spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. *(Psalms 146:8-9)*

God created man in his own image...male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." *(Genesis 1:27 - 28)*

Pray that abortion clinics across the nation would shrivel up and shut down, and that crisis pregnancy centers would thrive. Pray for those who work in the abortion clinics to have their eyes opened and be set free. Pray for mothers to choose their children over fear or self.

Pray for the organizations that represent life: The advocacy groups. The crisis pregnancy centers. The family resource groups and adoption agencies. The citizen groups.

Divorce: God clearly stated in *Malachi 2:16* "*I hate divorce.*" God never designed a marriage to end in divorce. He instituted marriage for the loving companionship of a man and his wife.

Divorce is of the devil; it is his handiwork. Pray and bind the power and activities of the spirits of divorce in the name of Jesus. Pray for the restoration of marriages as God intended to be.

"Christianity has always held that marriage is only possible between a man and a woman, and that every person is made either male or female in God's image."

Intercede with God for the abolition of same-sex marriages and to be completely stopped. Ask God to rise leaders to resist any effort to force

people of faith to violate their consciences in order to satisfy unbiblical social mandates.

Ask God to help the nation as whole to desire purity denying all ungodliness, foolish disputes, contentions, worldly lusts, debauchery, perversion, living in malice and envy, being hateful, brutal, lovers of pleasure, headstrong, haughty... *(1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Titus 2:12)*

Pray for Education/Students/Educators and School Systems:

National Education Association: As the largest labor union in the U.S., with over 3 million members, the NEA exercises tremendous influence over the public schools. Whether it involves the promotion of CRT, or transgenderism, or any such, it sets the policies that ultimately determine the schools' academic and social climate.

Pray God would lead the Department of Education as they set learning standards in place. Pray for students throughout the nation who are relying on digital and virtual learning. Ask God to eliminate the distractions in their lives that keep them from excellence.

Intercede for an atmosphere of learning that would encourage students to publicly express their faith and reverence for God. Pray for students **(about 77 million)** to be shielded from agendas that oppose biblical values and morality. Ask God to guard our students from those who bully or tease because of their own insecurities.

Pray NEA's ungodly stranglehold will be broken. Ask God for the revoking of the "NEA's federal charter" privilege by the government. Beseech the Lord to send those He know to go up against the city of the mighty and to pull down the stronghold in which they trust. *(Proverbs 21:22)*

God's design is for parents to be in authority over their children--not the state, schools or teachers. Prayerfully encourage and participate in the work of those actively fighting for parental rights, choice, and support through avenues or home, private, and public education.

Pray for the administrators of local schools, all public schools in the nation to be gatekeepers against harmful ideology and indoctrination that opposes God's Word and design. *(Mark 10:13-16)*

Pray for a revelation of truth to be revealed to children who do not know Jesus; the truth is what sets people free. Pray for the love of God to abound, even in times where lawlessness seems to be on the increase.

Ask God to put “**Prayer**” back in schools. Pray Christian clubs and support networks would arise and mobilize to witness for Him in the schools. Pray the sound of prayer would rise like incense from our schools at the students’ own will.

Pray the Lord God will raise up “prayer guards” over every school that is not open to have volunteers inside the building – to bind every force of evil that is assigned to assault our children, and to pray a blessing over children, staff, and parents alike.

Ask our Abba Father, that righteous legislation would arise to undo the restrictions on prayer in schools. Pray for every righteous vote to be implemented and not blocked or hindered. Pray every court rule in favor of the free exercise of Christian prayer and worship in schools as well.

Pray the will truth dispel the lies, myths, and false ideologies. Pray that parents would take a stand against the curriculum that promotes evil and immorality.

Pray all books that has inappropriate reading content material to be removed from libraries and publishing’s of it stopped. Pray those books will not be recommended by educators. Pray for boldness and wisdom for educators to stand against the wiles of the enemy. (government)

Pray for men and women of God to fill positions in the Department of Education such as Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Counselors, Coaches, and school board members, to use their influence for change.

Intercede for all the students, teachers, and administrators on all school campuses who believe in Jesus to be bold in their faith and not back down in the face of opposition. *(1 John 4: 4)*

Pray for Society/Social Issues /Businesses

Critical Race Theory:

Pray for those who are speaking up against the CRT agenda--teachers, administrators, and parents. They need protection and support. Encourage them to speak out--even anonymously.

Pray for those persecuted because they have taken a stand for righteousness. Pray that they will have the courage to prevail and that God would protect them and their families from harm and intimidation.

Praise God for some state governors/parents who are protesting the introduction of controversial materials like CRT and sexually explicit books in school libraries.

Pray God will raise more parents who will protect their children by respectfully and wisely challenging a corrupt system, a satanic system committed to destroying young hearts, minds, and bodies in order to dominate the world of the future.

Pray for parents to take a stand against covert LGBTQ+ policies found in public school systems across the nation. Pray public education departments should neither play a role in teaching students about gender and sexuality, nor encourage any behaviors related to either gender or sexuality.

Pray for Christian kids who resist pro-homosexual indoctrination will not be bullied in schools. Pray parents will oppose and resist any legislation or amendment that requires mandatory pro-LGBT lectures to public school children, or promotes sin under the false disguise of anti-bullying.

Gender Clarity: Pray for men, women, and children who are blinded by confusion to know their identity.

Ask God to lift up all those who are struggling to reconcile their thoughts and desires with the gender of their birth. Pray for God's intervention to help all of them to know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made — that their lives have a purpose exactly as God created them to be. *(Psalm 139:14-16)*

On transgender ideology, pray that God would reveal their true identity to the children and youth in schools and colleges, and protect them from the influence of ungodly leadership. Ask God to halt all Biden administration's transgender mandates.

Pray about the forces behind the movement, contributing to the crisis of identity in this nation and the destruction of the family. **Jesus said:** **“Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to the man by whom the offense comes!”** *(Matthew 18:7)*

Children across the nation are being subjected to transgender treatments with hormones, surgery, and counseling. Cry out to the Lord for deliverance from the spread of transgenderism in the nation. Protect the people and children from the predatory trans agendas.

Pray all those who are confused will firmly denounce these untruths related to gender confusion. Rebuke the devourer on behalf of every person; prevent the enemy from devouring the lives of those impacted by this wicked gender-change agenda.

Pray for those speaking the truth, going against the grain, exposing, and cautioning about this issue. Pray for boldness for the church, parents, grandparents, teachers, school board members, legislators, physicians, and volunteers to advocate for a biblical approach to our identity. *(1 John 4:17)*

Pray about all the threats to cut funding to public schools that won't promote transgenderism as normal, or violate privacy and safety of girls by forcing them to endure co-ed locker rooms and bathrooms to be destroyed in the name of Jesus!

Jesus said, *(Matthew 18:6)* “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Pray all other leaders of our nation who are promoting this agenda, as well as the heads of hospitals and schools, will be held accountable to God and to the parents. Ask the Lord for justice in this area. Intercede

to Him to intervene for the children and deal with those who are leading the children into sin.

While the larger number of Millennials identifying as LGBTQ is attention grabbing, what is more disturbing is 40% “don’t believe God exists and also they don’t care if God exists.”

Ask God to send laborers across the path of all who are living this lifestyle of sin. Pray the workers would expose the lies of the enemy at the same time profess the strong love of Christ for them when they accept the truth of His word and repent.

Pray they turn away from all their transgressions and acknowledge that their lifestyle does not please God. (*2 Peter 2:6, Jude 7*) Pray that the wounds of their heart will be healed, identity confusion removed, their eyes opened, and their hearts turned to Christ and to walk in their identity.

Ask God by the Blood of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit to cut the webs of witchcraft and anything blinding the people of the Lord. (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*). Pray for God to close all the doors that bring foreign and occult worship cultures.

Almost 70% of Americans oppose legislation that would protect religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Pray that God will continue to bless Christians with the right to openly practice their faith.

Pray that God would stop the spreading of Yoga practices across USA especially in schools, colleges and even churches etc.

Pray for America’s businesses to have leaders of integrity, be creators of economic blessing, and givers to the community rather than promoting “selfish gain” and ungodly agendas.

Pray for Christian businesses to thrive, and not to cave under pressure by the demands of LGBTQ and pro-abortion activists, lobbyists. Pray for them to stand firm on Biblical principles, on Christian values providing jobs, helping to decrease the nation’s unemployment rate and for them to be blessed more and more.

Pray against cancel culture, woke culture, communism, atheism, agnosticism among many other manifestations of darkness.

Pray the victims of human trafficking would be liberated and perpetrators brought to justice. Pray for the continued safety and rescue of all these poor children who are helpless.

Addictions: Substance abuse and pornography addictions, can have major impacts on the lives of those affected and the people close to them.

A study on it shows worrying numbers and increasing at an alarming rate. Conditions that frequently co-occur with pornography addiction include Depression, Anxiety, Social Anxiety, Mood disorders, Sex addictions and substance use disorders.

Pray the church would be leading the society in addressing this epidemic. Pray God will put an end to this destructive behavior and the double life that is destroying everything in one's life and help regain their integrity.

Pray for the "God of Hope" to intervene in all the other social issues like sexual misconducts, drugs, substance abuse, smoking, vaping, alcohol abuse, etc. to be ended and for complete restoration.

Drug Overdoses: The **fentanyl** crisis is now worse than ever. As the number of Americans who are dying from overdoses are increasing ask God to protect the nation from dangerous drugs like fentanyl. Save those who struggle with addiction, and secure the borders so that these drugs stop entering the country.

Mental health: Pray for stability among young Americans. Emergency room visits for mental health crises among 12-17 years old increased 31% during the pandemic. Recent statistics show steeply rising levels of depression, anxiety and other very serious problems.

Gun violence/ Mass shootings:

Pray that all people will realize the profound impact gun violence has and does. Ask the Lord, to teach us to value all life. Pray for open doors

in school systems across the nation to receive help from Christian parents, adult volunteers, and ministry organizations.

Pray for the Media/ News Corporations/Networks:

Pray the word of God *John 16:13* over the media:

Pray that journalists across America will do their best to bring light where there is darkness and truth where there is falseness.

Pray that God would remove those who desire to report anything less than the truth and to be a service to humanity. May he raise up those who are bold to confront evil and injustice, who reject the half-truths that deceive and the biased words that corrupt.

Ask the Lord to provide the television, radio and print mediums with staff members and executives who are committed to accuracy and integrity. Pray that “Social-Media” shall not be a platform for propagating hatred.

Pray for all politicians, CEOs of multinational companies trying to manipulate others through media disinformation and breaking down the trust of the people. Pray (*Isaiah 5:20-21*)

Pray for Repentance/ Revival in India:

“Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 19:4)

Pray for the Government/Leaders:

Pray for the President, Prime Minister, his Cabinet, MPs, MLAs, Opposition leaders and everyone of influence. Pray for them and their families to be saved.

Pray that they would live in the fear of God and would do what is right and just, would speak the truth and work for the good of all people.

Pray against the corruption in the country. Pray for the Lord to raise God fearing leaders in India. Beseech the Lord to raise Christian believers in higher positions in Government. *(Daniel 2:48)*

Pray for God to expose the darkness and deceit in the government including all hidden agendas and subversive activities, corruption, collusion, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, financial mismanagement and fiscal waste.

Pray for the state governments in all of the states in India, for corruption free leaders willing to serve the people with integrity and honesty, seeking the welfare of the people.

Pray for the Churches, Missions and Organizations:

Pray for a revival throughout all of India's diverse church groups and unity to complete the Great Commission in India.

Pray that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be experienced among numerous denominations and church groups. Thank God that the Holy Spirit has been given to those hungering for Him and that He has not been relegated to any denomination but given to believers for the intensified service to God. *(1Corinthians 12:13)*

Praise God for the numerous missionary organizations in India. Pray to the Lord for the growth and development of these organizations. Pray for all the missionary organizations such as Vishwa Vani, GEMS, FMPB, BMS, IMA, ICCC, AEFI, IEM, UESI, Gospel for Asia, YWAM, OM, CMS, Scripture Union, AG missions, FGPC missions, CNI & CSI, World Vision, Compassion India, etc. to name a few.

The world's least-evangelized people groups are concentrated in India. Of the 159 people groups of over 1 million people, 133 are unreached. 953 ethnic groups have populations greater than 10,000; of these, 205 have no church and little to no outreach from Christians. They can be found in every state, although they tend to be more concentrated in the north.

Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to pray for the Indians and see them reached with the Glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

Pray for missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and every servant of God who are out on the field contributing towards the advancement of the kingdom of God. Pray for their protection and provision for them and their families as they serve the Lord faithfully.

Even amid hostility, pray that the transforming power of Christ's gospel will move across the vast nation of India in a great might, proclaiming the name of Christ as Lord and King. Pray that the Church will rejoice in suffering for Christ and in the strength of His promises.

Pray against the spirit of stagnation and limitation that is working against the growth of God's church. Ask God that every satanic counsel against church growth shall be confused in Jesus Name. Pray there shall be supernatural expansion, according to His will.

Pray that the Church will be one, just as Jesus was one with His Father. Ask God to heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregants, and between denominations so that the nation may see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom he has come to save. *(John 17:21)*

God's word says that the weapons given to us have the divine power to demolish strongholds. Therefore, pray and declare that every stronghold that has revolted against the church shall be demolished in the name of Jesus Christ. *(2 Corinthians 10:4)*

Pray for mission workers who are ministering among prisoners, widows, abandoned children and orphans. Pray they receive new life in Christ. Pray also that God will preserve trust and bring hope in the hearts of children who have been mistreated.

Pray about the Christian Persecution:

Under BJP's leadership, Hindu nationalist attacks against Christians have risen, believers are given fewer rights in some areas and the government is frequently accused of turning a blind eye to brutal attacks against religious minorities like Christians.

Pray for Hindutva groups like VHP, RSS, Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, Sangh Parivar, Hindu Yuva Vahini, Hindu Yuva Sangatam, Hindu Aikya Munnani and other religious organizations for their eyes to be opened to the one and true God.

According to local believers, Radical Hindu nationalists falsely accuse Christians of forcefully converting individuals to Christianity to justify harassment and assault. Local police often overlook violence perpetrated against Christians due to false accusations of forced conversion.

Anti-conversion laws are being used to target Christians in at least 11 of India's 29 states. (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Karnataka) The laws have been used to justify persecution of Christians in a variety of situations. Pray the laws would be repealed.

Pray the Lord will restrain the hands of extremists, grant wisdom to the authorities, and protect His people against unjustified accusations of forcible conversion. Pray that our brothers and sisters will be able to express the importance of the voluntary conversion of the heart, which cannot be forced.

Pray for the freedom of speech, freedom to practice and propagate the faith of each individual to be upheld and also for the government institutions to be secular, upholding truth, righteousness and justice.

Pray that those who are persecuting Christians will be exposed. Pray for the protection of Christians. Pray that the police, the judiciary and the public will stand up for Christians. Pray that the gospel will be proclaimed across the nation with signs, wonders and various miracles.

Pray that the authorities would not resort to unjust ways and not hinder Christians from freely practicing and propagating their faith. May they see that the Church of God is not a house or a building, but a company of people?

Pray that the religious fanatic groups who spread hate messages and communal disharmony may come to see and dread the true Lord, the

Creator of the Heavens, and the Earth. Pray that the evil plans and strategies of such fanatic groups will be thwarted by the Sovereign God.

Many of those who are coming to faith are poor, converts from impoverished areas and are often accused of illegally being paid to become Christians. Pray for those who have been falsely accused of paying people to become Christians, that their names will be cleared.

India's tribal communities have already faced centuries of discrimination and marginalization, while Christian tribals suffer additional ostracization. Pray that the persecutors who bring false accusations against the innocent tribal Christians are convicted of their sins forgiven by Jesus Christ and renewed by the Spirit of God.

Pray that every threat for “**Ghar Wapsi**” thrust the Christian heart into deeper communion with Christ! Pray for a change in the hearts of the persecutors so that they too can taste the love of God.

Pray the newer Christian converts in India would receive courage and strength to resist the pressure to leave Jesus, and would know the great value of faithfully following God.

Pray for those who are imprisoned because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God would comfort them and hear their cry and answer their prayers. Pray that they would stand strong in the Lord and continue to do good.

Pray for the media platforms in India. That they would recognize and report cases of Christian Persecution. These cases would not be ignored due to the religious majority. That they may not be silenced by the pressure of biased political authorities.

There is a trend to impose religious extremism in the educational curriculum of this secular nation. Pray the aggressive activities of those in the Government against Indian sovereignty is to be curtailed and educational curriculum to be developed by secular educationalists.

Christian websites in India have come under scrutiny by the Information Technology (IT) cell. Many sites are being barred and shut

down. Pray that the Government would not discriminate and be biased towards Christian websites.

Pray about Idolatry/ Family/ Social and Other issues

Beseech the Lord to forgive the sins of idol worship. Pray for God to destroy the foothold of devil in India through these idols. Pray for spiritual darkness to be removed from India. (*Isaiah 45:16*)

Pray as a nation people will repent, turn away from their idols and turn away from all their abominations and everything that displeases the Lord God. (*Ezekiel 14: 6*)

Pray that generations will bond together. Pray for fathers and mothers to rise and accept their place as authority figures who will boldly, yet lovingly give direction to the younger generation. Pray for a covenant to unite the generational ages together with strong affection, one for another. (*Malachi 4:6, Proverbs 31:25-26, 28*)

Pray deliverance for people who are in bondages of addictions, adultery, divination, sorcery, witchcraft, demonic possession, sicknesses and generational curses.

The poorest and least empowered members of society, most often children, women and minority groups in society, face the brunt of immoral and corrupt leaders and systems.

Pray that God will change attitudes and practices in society to reflect His care for women and children.

Of the 400 million children, possibly up to 35 million are orphans. 11 million are abandoned (90% are girls). 3 million live on the streets. Some families sell children into slavery to pay off family debts.

Two-thirds of all children suffer physical abuse, and half suffer some kind of sexual harassment or abuse. Over 1 million end up in prostitution.

Pray for the youth of the nation. Pray that the Lord would give them direction and purpose. Pray that they would be equipped by God for every good work so that the nation would progress, and people may be benefitted.

Pray for the ministries among Children and Youth and other community-based programs that are reaching out to the next generation today that God would provide for them and use them to reach many unreached youths in every part of our country.

Pray that God would strengthen them, meet their daily needs, and raise up Godly leaders who will champion their cause among the powerful.

Pray for having courage to counter social evils such as caste discrimination, gender violence and abuse, child labor, human trafficking, economic inequality, and systemic oppression of the poor and disadvantaged. Pray that the God of justice will uphold their cause and free them from the oppressor's stranglehold.

Pray for Repentance/ Reconciliation/Restoration/Revival in Israel:

“The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.” (Psalms 147:2)

Pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *(Psalm 122:6)* Pray Jerusalem to be protected from being divided *(Joel 3:2)*

Pray for believers around the world to receive revelation and understanding of God's heart for Israel. *(Romans 11:25-32)*

For the fulfillment of Jerusalem's future glory, and that God would continue to raise up intercessors to call on the LORD for it to be established and praised. *(Isaiah 62:1, 6)*

Sovereign Lord, restore the judges to Israel as in the days of old, their counselors as at the beginning. Then will Jerusalem be called the "City of Righteousness, the Faithful City". Pray God our Savior, redeem Zion with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. (*Isaiah 1:26*)

In the face of Palestinian rhetoric that "Jerusalem will only be the capital of Palestine," call upon the Lord, reminding Him that He has chosen this city to be His eternal dwelling place. Proclaim the words of Psalm 132 in its entirety, but especially verses 13 and 14.

Pray the Lord would override all attempts to restart a "peace" deal based on two-states in Israel under Biden Administration. As most Western and Arab nations are dead against this pray God will give the new leaders and Israeli government courage to do what is best for Israel. (*Genesis 13:14-17*)

Pray for the Church/ Salvation of the Jewish people

Pray for the people of Israel to come to know their Messiah, Yeshua. For the Lord to pour out a spirit of grace and supplication, so that many will see Yeshua and mourn for Him, having a full revelation of who He is. (*Zechariah 12:10-14*)

Pray for the Jews who believe in Jesus as their Messiah. Pray for persistence in their belief when they encounter incomprehension by their fellow countrymen. Pray that they may be a blessing for all the people around them.

Pray for the Believers to be strengthened with power in their inner being, so Messiah may dwell in their hearts through faith, and that they would know the love of Messiah (*Ephesians 3:16-19*)

Pray they would be filled with God's will, wisdom and understanding; live a life worthy of Him; bear fruit in every good work; have great endurance and patience; and be grateful. (*Colossians 2:6-7*)

Pray God Almighty, to return to His people. Look down from heaven and see! Revive His people that they may call upon His Name. Redeemer, restorer of Israel; may shine His face upon them, that they may be saved. (*Psalms 80:18-19*)

For Believers to not be ashamed of the Gospel but to share its saving power with everyone, Jewish People first and also to Gentiles, so they have opportunity to believe. May they be enabled to love their enemies, and have a prophetic voice amongst their peoples, and be truly united together as the One New Man in Messiah Jesus. *(Romans 1:16)*

Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the people of Israel especially upon the youth and children so that His works can be declared to future generations. *(Joel 2: 28)*

Pray for a move of God's spirit that will bring evangelicals back to the Bible, sound theology and the message of Christian support for Israel. Ask God to pour out a deep hunger for the complete Word of God on the church Body so that they will not be just New Testament believers, but Bible believers.

Cry out to the Lord for young evangelicals who need to understand the critical importance of God's everlasting covenant with Israel and its impact on the future of the Church. Pray for pastors who will instill in young Christians a love for the Word of God and a commitment to truth rather than an unbiblical understanding of social justice.

Pray for God to touch the hearts of the Muslim background believers with a radical love for Israel and zeal to proclaim the Gospel to their Jewish brothers and sisters; that the enemies of Israel would become salt and light, provoking the Jewish people to jealousy unto salvation. *(Romans 11:11)*

Pray that the Palestinian Arabs will come to faith in Christ and embrace God's end-time purpose for Israel; to send forth laborers to bring in the appointed harvest from the whole of the Middle East.

Pray for Government and leaders:

Pray for Israel's leaders to be blessed and lead well, so Israel's citizens can live in peace, and many will come to salvation *(1Timothy 2:1-4)*

Pray fervently for Prime Minister Netanyahu and the new coalition government. Cry out to the Lord for an abundance of His wisdom as they deal with difficult and complex domestic, international and security issues.

Pray for each one of the prime minister's four main goals. His goals being: 1. blocking Iran [from achieving a nuclear weapon]; 2. restoring security and governance; 3. addressing the cost of living and housing problem; and 4. expanding the "circle of peace."

Beseech the Lord to move on the hearts of the new leaders to choose what is best for the nation and not for their political careers. Ask God to touch the hearts of all ministers to embrace the responsibility they have accepted. (*Proverbs 19:21, 21:1*)

Ask the Lord that each member of the coalition will be committed to a strong and united Israel and a just government that is truly working on behalf of every Israeli citizen.

The American administration's foreign policies are very negative towards Israel, pressuring it to make anti-biblical moves. Pray the Lord arise and scatter this ungodly pressure from the US government. Ask God to give Israel, leaders who honor His Word and treasure their land.

Pray for Security/Issues with Iran/Palestine/Hamas/Hezbollah

Beseech the Lord that the eyes of the world—especially the UN, European nations, and other governing bodies—will be opened to the truth about Iran and its nuclear and expansionist ambitions.

Intercede for Israel and for the world as the threat of a nuclear Iran comes closer to reality every day. Pray that the plans of Iran's leadership to destroy the Jewish people would not prevail and that the world would know there is a God in Israel.

Pray for Israeli leadership as they take a firm stand in the international arena against the JCPOA. Ask the Lord for a true awakening in the nations to the truth of Iran's intentions and for the success of Israel's efforts to quash this "bad agreement" once and for all.

Pray that the Biden administration will make wise decisions regarding the situation in Iran as the Iranian government maintains an anti-American and anti-Israel position, kills its own citizens for voicing opposition to their policies.

Beseech the Lord to send a spirit of the fear of Israel's God on Iran's leaders – causing division, miscommunications and paranoia between them, their allies and their proxies. (*Joshua 2:9-11*)

Beseech the Lord to stop Islamic terrorists in their tracks. Send spirits of division and paranoia into all of Hamas and Hezbollah's ranks, as well as between their leaders and Iran's leaders. “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (*2 Timothy 1:7*)

Pray for Prime Minister Netanyahu and his team as they are faced with serious threats against Israel's northern border and the nation as a whole. Cry out to the Lord for wisdom and for sound military and diplomatic strategies that will protect the people of Israel. Also, pray that Israel's enemies will heed the prime minister's red line warnings.

Pray for Lt. Gen. Halevi as he takes over as the new IDF chief of staff. Ask God to enable the IDF to maintain the offensive in its "Break the Wave" mission against terrorist activities throughout the Palestinian territories and in some Israel-Arab cities. (*Isaiah 30:30*)

Ask God to raise up a defense minister who will crack down on all illegal buildings that the Palestinians are doing – with EU's help.

Pray God give Israel's new leaders wisdom and boldness in dealing with its "friends" like America, who now "demand" that Israel not build or extend its sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, or the EU which has for years financed illegal Palestinian building in areas of Judah and Samaria.

Beseech the Lord to guide the next government to extend Israel's sovereignty over all the land west of the Jordan River and to build both communities and houses throughout the land.

Intercede for the border patrol, law enforcement, soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces. Ask the Lord to be their shield of defense and bind the schemes and resources of their enemies so they can do them no harm.

Pray for its borders to be secure (*Exodus 23:31*). Pray that along Israel's dangerous borders Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza Israel's military will have success in carrying out the security strategies.

Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues

Cry out to God for an end to anti-Semitism in all its forms, particularly in its epidemic presence on the internet and social media. Pray that all conspiracy theories about Jews and all forms of anti-Semitic hate speech have no place in public discourse.

Pray for those who choose Israel as their home, making Aliyah. Scripture says in *Jeremiah 32:37* Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them ... I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

Praise God for the 70,000 people who made Aliyah in 2022. Thank Him for bringing them safely back to their ancient homeland and pray that their transition into Israeli society will be smooth and without roadblocks.

Pray that the "Jewish Agency" will be able to reach an agreement with the Russian government that will leave the door open for immigration for Russian Jews.

Thank God for the strong friendship that has been built between Israel and the global Christian community. Pray that the relationship will continue to grow and strengthen and pray that Christian leaders will reach out effectively to younger Christians, passing on their love for Israel and instilling a commitment to support the nation of Israel.